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## Letter from David G. Muir to John Muir, 1863 Apr 11

David G. Muir

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she felt so grieved that she  
cried whole nights about it and concluded  
that we had better give it up.  
I don't know how it will end but  
we won't give up if I can help it.  
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I hope you won't expose me, <sup>nor</sup> make  
mother angry, but I want you to  
help me. I am still in Forbes  
store and will continue until  
harvest - unless I am drafted.  
I am Cashier now. I get twenty dollars  
per month and board & washing besides.  
I guess you had better follow  
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be able to go quite as fast as I used  
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Parlage City Apr 11/63

Brother Jonathan

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Portage City, Wis.,  
Apr. 11 '63.

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[David G. Muir]

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